GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
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INTER CONNECTION OF COURTS .
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to inter-connect all the courts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent/ likely to be spent on the said scheme and the progress made so far;

(d) whether the Government proposes to arrange the hearing of the under-trial prisoners through video conferencing instead of trials in the court rooms; and if so, the details thereof; and where facility of video conferencing is available at present; and

(e) the details of the courts along with the dates from which it is available, court-wise/ State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE & COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b)& (c) The eCourts Mission Mode Project of the Government is undertaking computerisation of 14,249 district and subordinate courts in the country by March, 2015. As on 31sl March, 2014, out of 14,249 courts to be computerised, sites for 14,164 courts have been made ready for computerisation, out of which LAN has been installed at 13,183 courts, hardware at 13,436 courts and software at 13227 courts. All the computerised Courts have been linked to National Judicial Data Grid, which is a common repository of all case records across the country. Rs.607.05 crores out of the budgeted amount of Rs.935 crore has been released to NIC, the implementing agency for the project.

(d) &(e) The Project includes provision of Video Conferencing (VC) facility between Courts and prisons inter-alia to facilitate hearing of the under-trial prisoners at 500 locations across the country. At present, the pilot for finalisation of appropriate technology is being conducted at the following five locations:

S.No.	State Name	District Court	Corresponding Prison
1	Assam	The District & Sessions Judge Court, Darrang, Mangaldai	District Jail, Darrang, Mangaldai
2	Uttarakhand	District Court, Roshanabad, Haridwar,	District Jail, Roshanabad Haridwar
3	West Bengal	District Judge`s Court, Berhampore, Murshidabad,	Berhampur Central Correctional Home Berhampur, Murshidabad
4	Jammu	Pr. Distt. and Sessions Judge Court, Janipur	Central Jail, Kotbhalwal
5	Orissa	District Judge, Cuttack Bhubaneswar,	Central Jail. Jharpara.

After finalization of the appropriate technology, VC facility will be rolled out in 495 more locations across the country.